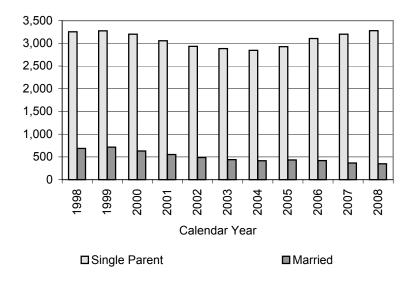
BIRTHS TO IOWA MOTHERS UNDER 20 YEARS OF AGE



- The 3,629 births to teens accounted for 9.0% of total lowa births in 2008.
- Prior to 1998, the teenage birth rate was the only statistic available to evaluate teenage pregnancy fluctuations. Statistical reporting of abortion began in 1998. In 2008, there were 1,205 terminations of pregnancy reported to the Department of Public Health involving women 15 to 19 years of age. Of these, 72 were spontaneous and 1,133 were induced.

Under 20 Years of Age Calendar Total Year Married Single Parent **Births** 1998 3,254 3,940 686 1999 716 3,275 3,991 2000 630 3,201 3,831 2001 552 3,056 3,608 2002 487 2,933 3,420 2003 441 2,885 3,326 2004 414 2,846 3,260 2005 432 2,926 3,358 2006 420 3,104 3,524 2007 366 3,199 3,565 2008 350 3,279 3,629

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